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This request is accompanied by a check for the RCE fee in the amount of \$750.00 as specified in 37 CFR 1.17(e). The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayments, and to charge any further fees required to ensure the continued examination of this application to deposit account no. 12-0425.

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